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	RELATED NCCHC/ACA STANDARDS: P-G-10/4-4353, 4-4436 (IMPORTANT)	
CHAPTER: 11 HEALTH SERVICES	SUBJECT: PREGNANCY COUNSELING	
APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER:		
EFFECTIVE DATE: 11-19-07		

PURPOSE:

Pregnant inmates have counseling and assistance in planning for their unborn children.

POLICY:

1. Counseling and assistance is available to pregnant inmates in keeping with their expressed desire in planning for their unborn children.
2. Counseling options include abortion and continuance of a pregnancy. Counseling on continuation of a pregnancy is be provided by prenatal providers to include adoption and foster care. Documentation of counseling is maintained in the inmate's medical record.
3. If the inmate expresses the wish to receive an abortion, the health care staff facilitates contact between the inmate and the appropriate referral service. As with all elective surgery, the contracted medical vendor does not bear the cost of an elective abortion. All appointments and transportation are arranged through the Medical Unit. The cost is the responsibility of the inmate or designee.

References:

National Commission on Correctional Health Care: Standards for Health Services in Jails, 2003, J-E-10

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